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cannot sell it without the proceeds passing through to HHS.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:      Okay.    And I was trying to get through so your time wouldn't run out.    Thank you, Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON:    Yes.    Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY:    Senator Janssen, you're recognized.

SENATOR JANSSEN:    Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor.    Just for a little clarification to Senator Stuthman, this land has always been held in public trust.    And that has nothing to do with the valuation around the other, because it has been tax exempt all these years.    The rent, I am sure, the cash rent apparently is what they're doing with this land, is comparable to any cash rent that would be in the surrounding farmers.    So that is where the income is coming from, from cash rent.    Because it is irrigated land.    That's all I have.    Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY:    Thank you, Senator Janssen.      Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK:    Mr. President, members, this simply transfers property within a family.    Has nothing to do with the valuation, it has nothing to do with anything else, but simply puts it over into the...another part of the same family.    With that, why, I won't take more time up.    Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY:    Thank you.    Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER:    Senator Johnson, a quick question.    I know we're going on a little while on this one.    Again, a question as to intent.    The bill talks about selling any part of the real estate.    I'm assuming it would be okay, under this language, to trade land also, either for other land or for money.    And if they traded it for money, I assume the proceeds would go to DHH?

SENATOR JOHNSON:    Yes.    I think it does clearly state that any monies received in this period of time, if they sell some land, the money gets passed through from the sale.